

REMARKS

The Election of Species Requirement mailed on April 22, 2003, has been received and reviewed, as has the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 28, 2003. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the above-referenced application. Each of claims 1-20 are subject to an Election of Species Requirement.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the status of each of claims 1-20 has been listed in parentheses.

Three species of invention have been identified by the Office. In particular, Species I, which is illustrated in FIG. 3, includes an electrical connector that includes a first member which is configured to be positioned adjacent to a contact of a semiconductor substrate and to establish an electrical contact therewith, as well as a second member positionable adjacent to an opposite surface of the semiconductor substrate so as to draw the first member nonrigidly against the contact. The first member includes a first attractive element 28, while the second member includes a second attractive element 38. These first and second attractive elements 28 and 38 are shown in FIG. 3 as being separate from their respective, corresponding electrically conductive element 26 and support element 36.

In an electrical connector of Species II, which is depicted in FIG. 3A, the attractive element 38 and support element 36 are both part of the same member.

Species III, shown in FIG. 5, includes an electrical connector with separate, electrically isolated conductive elements 26a and 26b on the first member thereof.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Species I. It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-20 reads on Species I. It is also submitted that claim 1 currently appears to be the most generic to Species I.

It is further submitted that each of claims 1-20 reads on and is also generic to both Species II and Species III.

Preliminary Amendment

Please note that a Preliminary Amendment was mailed on January 18, 2002, but that entry of that Preliminary Amendment into the Office file for the above-referenced application has not

yet been acknowledged. If, for some reason, the Preliminary Amendment has not been received by the Office, the undersigned attorney will be happy to provide a true copy thereof to the Office.

An early action on the merits of claims 1-20 is respectfully solicited, as is the allowance of each of claims 1-20. If any issues remain that hinder allowance of the above-referenced application, the Office is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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